

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as indicated hereafter.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a television menu comprising:
 - receiving a plurality of television channels provided by a respective plurality of television services via a settop terminal (STT);
 - storing definitional information regarding a plurality of television menus in which each of the television ~~menu~~ menus includes at least one television menu option, the at least one television menu option being defined for each of the television ~~menu~~ menus based on each television service;
 - associating each one of the television menus of the plurality of television menus to a corresponding one of the plurality of television channels provided by the respective plurality of television services;
 - selecting ~~tuning to~~ one of the plurality of television channels via the STT;
 - receiving an input signal from a user to provide a television menu;
 - responsive to the input signal, identifying a television service corresponding to the ~~tuned~~ selected television channel currently being provided to the user via the STT; and
 - providing one of the television menus of the plurality of television menus to the user that includes at least one television menu option that is selected based on the identified television service for the ~~tuned~~ selected television ~~channel~~ channel,
 - wherein a corresponding one of the television menus of the plurality of television menus is provided for each and every television channel of the plurality of television channels in response to selection thereof, the provided corresponding one of the television menus of the plurality of television menus including at least one television menu option that corresponds to the selected television channel.
2. (Original) The method for providing a television menu of claim 1, wherein the service provided is identified by an operating system.

3. (Original) The method for providing a television menu of claim 1, wherein the service is identified by information previously stored in memory.

4. (Previously Presented) The method for providing a television menu of claim 1, wherein a user input corresponds to a predefined input signal.

5. (Currently Amended) A programmable television services client device that provides television control services, said client device comprising:

a ~~tuning~~ device for ~~tuning to~~ selecting one of a plurality of television channels provided by a respective plurality of television services;

memory for storing definitional information regarding a plurality of television menus in which each television menu includes at least one television menu option, the at least one television menu option being defined for each television menu based on each television service; and

a processor coupled to said memory that is configured to receive an input signal from a user, responsive to the input signal identify a television service corresponding to the ~~tuned~~ selected television channel that is currently being provided to the user, associate each one of the television menus of the plurality of television menus to a corresponding one of the plurality of television channels provided by the respective plurality of television services, and provide the corresponding one of the television menus of the plurality of television menus to the user that includes at least one television menu option that is selected based on the identified television service for the ~~tuned~~ selected television ~~channel~~ channel.

wherein a corresponding one of the television menus of the plurality of television menus is provided for each and every television channel of the plurality of television channels in response to selection thereof, the provided corresponding one of the television menus of the plurality of television menus including at least one television menu option that corresponds to the selected television channel.

6. (Original) The programmable television services client device of claim 5, wherein the service is identified by information previously stored in memory.

7. (Original) The programmable television services client device of claim 5, wherein the service provided is identified by an operating system.

8. (Original) The programmable television services client device of claim 5, wherein the user input corresponds to a predefined input signal.

9. (Currently Amended) A programmable television services client device that provides television control services, said client device comprising:
a ~~tuning~~ device for ~~tuning to~~ selecting one of a plurality of television services;
memory for storing definitional information regarding a plurality of television menus in which each television menu includes at least one television menu option, the at least one television menu option being defined for each television menu based on each television service;
and

a processor coupled to said memory that is configured to receive an input signal corresponding to a menu command, and responsive to receiving the input signal identify a television service that is currently being provided to the user, associate each one of the television menus of the plurality of television menus to a corresponding one of the plurality of television services, and provide the corresponding one of the television menus of the plurality of television menus to the user that includes at least one television menu option that is selected based on the identified television ~~service~~ service.

wherein a corresponding one of the television menus of the plurality of television menus is provided for each and every television service of the plurality of television services in response to selection thereof, the provided corresponding one of the television menus of the plurality of television menus including at least one television menu option that corresponds to the selected television service.

10. (Previously Presented) The programmable television services client device of claim 9, wherein the television service is selected from a group consisting of:

a purchasable media presentation, a non-purchasable media presentation, a digital transmission, an analog transmission, a television control service, an information service, and a communication service.

11. (Original) The programmable television services client device of claim 9, wherein the service provided is identified by information previously stored in memory.

12. (Original) The programmable television services client device of claim 9, wherein the service provided is identified by an operating system.

13. (Original) The programmable television services client device of claim 9, wherein the user input corresponds to a predefined input signal.

14. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a television menu comprising:

receiving a plurality of television services via a settop terminal (STT);

storing definitional information regarding a plurality of television menus in which each television menu includes at least one television menu option, the at least one television menu option being defined for each television menu based on each television service;

selecting-tuning to one of the plurality of television services via the STT;

receiving an input signal corresponding to a menu command to provide a television menu based on the ~~tuned~~ selected television service;

responsive to receiving the input signal, identifying a television service that is currently being provided to the user via the STT;

associating each one of the television menus of the plurality of television menus to a corresponding one of the plurality of television services; and

providing the corresponding one of the television menus of the plurality of television menus to the user that includes at least one television menu option that is selected based on the identified television service that is currently being provided to the user via the ~~STT~~ STT,

wherein a corresponding one of the television menus of the plurality of television menus is provided for each and every television service of the plurality of television services in response to selection thereof, the provided corresponding one of the television menus of the plurality of television menus including at least one television menu option that corresponds to the selected television service.

15. (Previously Presented) The method for providing a television menu of claim 14, wherein the television service is selected from a group consisting of:

a purchasable media presentation, a non-purchasable media presentation, a digital transmission, an analog transmission, a television control service, an information service, and a communication service.

16. (Original) The method for providing a television menu of claim 14, wherein the service provided is identified by an operating system.

17. (Original) The method for providing a television menu of claim 14, wherein the service is identified by information previously stored in memory.

18. (Original) The method for providing a television menu of claim 14, wherein the user input corresponds to a predefined input signal.

19. (Currently Amended) A programmable television services client device that provides television control services, said client device comprising:

a ~~tuning~~ device for ~~tuning to~~ selecting one of a plurality of television channels;
memory for storing definitional information regarding a plurality of television menus in which each television menu includes at least one television menu option, the at least one television menu option being defined for each television menu based on each television channel;
and

a processor coupled to said memory that is configured to receive an input signal from a user, responsive to the input signal identify a television channel that is currently being provided

to the user, associate each one of the television menus of the plurality of television menus to a corresponding one of the plurality of television channels provided by a respective plurality of television services, and provide the corresponding one of the television menus of the plurality of television menus to the user that includes at least one television menu option that is selected based on the identified television channel,

wherein a corresponding one of the television menus of the plurality of television menus is provided for each and every television channel of the plurality of television channels in response to selection thereof, the provided corresponding one of the television menus of the plurality of television menus including at least one television menu option that corresponds to the selected television channel.

20. (Previously Presented) The programmable television services client device of claim 19, wherein the television channel is selected from a group consisting of:

an analog channel, a digital channel, a Pay Per View channel, a video on demand channel, a television control channel, a television services channel, a media on demand channel, and an internet channel.

21. (Currently Amended) A programmable television services client device that provides television control services, said client device comprising:

means for ~~tuning to~~ selecting one of a plurality of television channels;

means for storing definitional information regarding a plurality of television menus in which each television menu includes at least one television menu option, the at least one television menu option being defined for each television menu based on each television channel;
and

means for receiving an input signal from a ~~user~~, user; and
responsive to the input ~~signal~~ signal,

means for identifying a television channel that is currently being provided to the user,

means for associating each one of the television menus of the plurality of television menus to a corresponding one of the plurality of television channels provided by a respective plurality of television services, and

means for providing the corresponding one of the television menus of the plurality of television menus to the user that includes at least one television menu option that is selected based on the identified television ~~channel~~ channel,

wherein a corresponding one of the television menus of the plurality of television menus is provided for each and every television channel of the plurality of television channels in response to selection thereof, the provided corresponding one of the television menus of the plurality of television menus including at least one television menu option that corresponds to the selected television channel.

22. (Previously Presented) The programmable television services client device of claim 21, wherein the television channel is selected from a group consisting of:

an analog channel, a digital channel, a Pay Per View channel, a video on demand channel, a television control channel, a television services channel, a media on demand channel, and an internet channel.

23. (Currently Amended) A programmable television services client device that provides television control services, said client device comprising:

means for ~~tuning to~~ selecting one of a plurality of television services;

means for storing definitional information regarding a plurality of television menus in which each television menu includes at least one television menu option, the at least one television menu option being defined for each television menu based on each television service; and

means for receiving an input signal corresponding to a menu ~~command~~, command; and responsive to the input ~~signal~~ signal,

means for identifying ~~identify~~ a television service that is currently being provided to the user,

means for associating each one of the television menus of the plurality of television menus to a corresponding one of the plurality of television services, and

means for providing the corresponding one of the television menus of the plurality of television menus to the user that includes at least one television menu option that is selected based on the identified television service service,

wherein a corresponding one of the television menus of the plurality of television menus is provided for each and every television service of the plurality of television services in response to selection thereof, the provided corresponding one of the television menus of the plurality of television menus including at least one television menu option that corresponds to the selected television service.

24. (Previously Presented) The programmable television services client device of claim 23, wherein the television service is selected from a group consisting of:

a purchasable media presentation, a non-purchasable media presentation, a digital transmission, an analog transmission, a television control service, an information service, and a communication service.